

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2026

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RESOLUTION 5020A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. July 2026 Board Secretary's Report
2. July 2026 Treasurer's Reports
3. July 2026 Transfer Report
4. July 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. September 2026 Lease Payments in the amount of \$192,175.41
6. Check Registers#430495-430620 in the amount of \$ 1,787,500.96
7. July 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$2,333,269.40
8. August 2026 Payroll in the amount of \$ 1,769,305.06

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RESOLUTION 5020B

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that as of July 2026 after review of the preliminary secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5020C

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AND WORK-RELATED TRAVEL
AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel and/or online workshop; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE(S)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
Jenissa Arnette South Orange MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.00
Ann Bodnar Central Office	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD Fall Conference	10/15/26- 10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$729.70
Anthony Cicenía South Mountain	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$40.00
Zoila Correa Central Office	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD Fall Conference	10/15/26- 10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,430.90
Katherine Costello Clinton School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.86
Alicia Cuomo Tuscan School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$40.00
Mary Kate Feeney Maplewood MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$60.77
Kayla Fleming Columbia HS	Rutgers – Dance Workshop	10/12/26	Randolph, NJ	\$0.00
Vanessa Franco-Laforest Seth Boyden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.00
Valerie Frost Tuscan School	Protecting Students in the Digital Realm	10/13/26	East Hanover, NJ	\$0.00
Talaya Hampton South Orange MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.00
Leroy Johnson Central Office	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD Fall Conference	10/14/26- 10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,277.69
Yolanda Kirkland Clinton School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$49.70
Keysha Knight Columbia HS	Managing Multiple Project	10/2/26	Virtual	\$149.00

Austin Li South Mountain	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$63.50
Christina Lucas Tuscan School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$63.50
Krista Jane Maciorowski Seth Boyden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$52.22
James Manno Columbia HS	MUJC Music & Performing Arts Subcommittee	10/15/26 10/16/26	New Providence, NJ	\$0.00
Jennifer McClure South Orange MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$68.67
Bridget McMahon Delia Bolden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$59.74
Corrina Parsio Columbia HS	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD Fall Conference	10/15/26- 10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$701.16
Danielle Patterson Seth Boyden	NjAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$54.57
Chris Preston Columbia HS	National Council of Social Studies	12/2/26- 12/6/26	Chicago, IL	\$2,679.20
Ramon Robles-Fernandez Columbia HS	2026 Taiwan Program for US State & School Administrator	11/20/26	Taipei Taiwan	\$0.00
Stephanie Rotondo Marshall School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.00
Debra Silva Maplewood MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$72.26
Catherine Sinnicke South Mountain	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$68.29
Sandra Smith Tuscan School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$69.40
Jessica Squires South Orange MS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$64.89
Alison Steiner Columbia HS	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$65.00
Sharon Stieve Delia Bolden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$57.00
Marisa Stoessel Delia Bolden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$68.67
Aaliyah Suarez Seth Boyden	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$54.73
Kerri Waibel Central Office	NJPSA/FEA/ASCD Fall Conference	10/13/26- 10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$484.36
Rhonda Wyche Marshall School	NJAGC Teacher Sharefest	10/13/26	New Brunswick, NJ	\$72.04
			Total	\$8,882.82

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Jersey travel regulations (NJAC 6A:23B), Board Policy 8880 – Reimbursement of Travel Related Expenses, and newly enacted legislation [18A:11-12] require prior approval by the Superintendent and by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education for reimbursement of travel and related expenses of an employee.

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RESOLUTION 5020D

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the 2026-2027 school year for the service indicated:

Provider Name	Service	Rate	Not to Exceed
Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	Paraprofessional Part-time Diapering	\$36.47/hour \$11.39/per diem	\$500,000.00
Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	Home Instruction	\$70.21	\$15,000.00
Homecare Therapies dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing	Paraprofessionals/Health Aides/ Instructional Aides	\$32.00/hour	
	Paraprofessional with Sub Certification	\$40.00/hour	
	ABA Paraprofessional	\$42.00/hour	\$2,100,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The provider(s) will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 18A:4-1, et seq., the Board is permitted to enter into professional service contracts without the necessity of public bidding.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2026

RESOLUTION 5020E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVES USE OF VENDORS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the use of the following vendors in excess of \$53,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Vendor Resolutions 26-27	Product	Department	Contract #	Estimated Expenditure
Arctiq Us, Inc.	Cisco, Smartnet Networking	Technology	NVP AR3227 PA# 21-TELE-01506, OMNIA #R240303	\$185,000.00
Aspire Technology Partners, LLC	Cisco Networking	Technology	NVP #AR3227 #21-TELE-01506	\$118,000.00
Bradyplus Company	Custodial Supplies	Facilities	ED DATA 12286 & 13338	\$153,830.00
CDWG		Technology	AEPA-026D K-12 ESCNJ/AEPA 026-D	\$600,000.00
IXL Learning Inc.	Curriculum Licensing and PD	Curriculum		\$81,984.00
Municipal Capital Corporation	Copier Lease buyout	Business Office		\$359,447.15
UGI Energy Services, LLC	Utility	Business Office		\$160,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$53,000 for items not awarded by public bidding. Copyrighted materials and vendors on co-op and state contracts are exempt from public bidding.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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September 24, 2026

RESOLUTION 5020F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION TO DISTRICT FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS
TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of supplies and equipment From the Music & Arts Education Project, Inc. (MAEP). Each teacher will receive an allocation of \$500.00 of items (overall value \$20,000) to support their respective classrooms or programs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Teachers will create a wish list up to \$500.00 and MAEP will have the items drop-shipped directly to their school.

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RESOLUTION 5020G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE ACHIEVE FOUNDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Achieve Foundation in the amount of \$2,573.33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-006-200-890	Education Foundation	\$2,572.33
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This donation will fund the purchase of a 3D printer (\$799.00) to support hands-on learning in CAD and engineering coursework, giving students the opportunity to design, prototype, and print their own projects. It will also provide partial funding towards the purchase of a Flocabulary subscription (\$1,773.33) for Maplewood Middle School to support engaging, standards-aligned instruction across subject areas.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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September 24, 2026

RESOLUTION 5020H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN
 AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY FIRST SOCCER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Community First Soccer of Maplewood, New Jersey for Facility Usage at various schools. This agreement is to include the waiver of facility use fees unless there is a cost to the district.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Community First Soccer has requested the use of Clinton Elementary School, Delia Bolden Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School, Seth Boyden Demonstration School and Montrose Early Childhood Center for soccer on various dates for the 2026-27 school year. In exchange for use of facilities, Community First Soccer will provide free programming at Montrose Early Childhood Center for six months.

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RESOLUTION 5020I

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH ORANGE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with South Orange Symphony Orchestra for Facility Usage at South Orange Middle School. This agreement is to include the waiver of facility use fees except security and custodial service as needed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Facility usage fees are being waived due to the longstanding relationship with the South Orange Symphony Orchestra. They will coordinate with Mr. Manno, the Director of Fine Arts, to develop programming that will directly benefit students of South Orange Maplewood as an in-kind service.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5020J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION STUDENTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes the enrollment of Students 8174262665 and 6910924125 for the 2026-2027 school year through June 30, 2027, on the basis of tuition, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the tuition contracts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The tuition rate for student(s) was approved/established during the May 21, 2026, public meeting and has been determined by using the state formula as per N.J.A.C. 6:20-3.1.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5020K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE 2027-2028 BUDGET CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 2027-2028 Budget Calendar as presented.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Budget Calendar is subject to change at the discretion of the Business Administrator and /or Superintendent.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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September 24, 2026**

RESOLUTION 5020L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AMEND PARENTAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education amends parental transportation agreement #26/27-2 to reflect the correct compensation amount of \$20,750.00 for the period September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State law allows districts to compensate parents for transportation in lieu of a contracted bus route.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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September 24, 2026

RESOLUTION 5020M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR 403(B), 457(B) AND/OR 401(A) THIRD-PARTY
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS South Orange Maplewood School District desires to ensure compliance with IRS regulation regarding the administration and management of its 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) retirement plan(s);

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of South Orange Maplewood School District and its employees to engage the services of a qualified third-party administrator specializing in 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) plan administration;

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, South Orange Maplewood School District has identified PenServ Plan Services, Inc. as a reputable and experienced provider of 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) administrative services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The South Orange Maplewood School District Board of Education hereby authorizes and engages PenServ Plan Services, Inc. to provide comprehensive third-party administrative services for its 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) retirement plan(s), effective September 24, 2026.

The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized to enter into a service agreement with PenServ Plan Services, Inc., outlining the terms, conditions, and fees for the provision of 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) administrative services.

PenServ Plan Services, Inc. is authorized to perform the following services related to the 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) retirement plan(s):

- a. Plan document preparation and maintenance, including required amendments.
- b. Compliance monitoring and reporting, ensuring adherence to all applicable laws, regulations, and reporting requirements.
- c. Participant enrollment and education, providing assistance and resources to employees to help them make informed decisions about their retirement savings.
- d. Recordkeeping and reporting, maintaining accurate and up-to-date records of employee contributions, investments, and plan distributions.
- e. Assistance with annual nondiscrimination testing, participant disclosures, and other regulatory requirements.

South Orange Maplewood School District shall cooperate with PenServ Plan Services, Inc. by providing necessary information and access to relevant plan documents and records to ensure the effective provision of 403(b), 457(b) and/or 401(a) administrative services.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution and to execute any documents or agreements related to the engagement of PenServ Plan Services, Inc.

This resolution shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5020N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE BUSINESS OFFICE STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURES MANUAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the 2026-27 Business Office Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual as presented.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The SOP was shared with the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee on September 16, 2026.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 50200

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with Fordham University of New York, NY, for students enrolled in the Graduate School of Social Service program, effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and clinical facility. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

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RESOLUTION 5020P

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF REQUESTS
FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education ("Board") has determined that it requires the highly specialized services a licensed architectural firm to provide Architectural Services for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, architectural services constitute "Professional Services" pursuant to the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), which permits the Board to award contracts for such services without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in the interest of fiscal accountability, equity, and transparency, desires to utilize a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to evaluate the qualifications, experience, and fee structures of responding professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to administer the Competitive Contracting Process for this Professional Service.

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RESOLUTION 5020Q

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT SEPARATE REQUESTS FOR
PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER OF
RECORD SERVICES AND INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT
BROKER OF RECORD SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education ("Board") requires specialized professional and consulting services regarding its employee health benefits insurance programs and its commercial property, casualty, and liability insurance risk management programs; and

WHEREAS, such insurance brokerage and advisory services constitute Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services ("EUS") in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2)* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1* et seq., which exempts professional brokerage contracts from formal public competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, while exempt from public bidding, the Board desires to promote open, fair, and transparent competition to secure the highest quality services at the most competitive terms and cost structures for the taxpayers and employees of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that its operational and administrative interests are best served by evaluating these distinct professional disciplines through two separate, specialized procurement processes rather than a single combined solicitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to administer the Competitive Contracting Process for these Professional Services.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5020R

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT FY 2027 FEDERAL I.D.E.A. BASIC PART B AND
PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts FY 2027 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act entitlement funds as follows:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| ● Part B Allocation | \$1,646,932.00 |
| ● Preschool Allocation | \$ 48,935.00 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The I.D.E.A. provides federal funds to school districts for supplementary services to benefit students with disabilities enrolled in the district. The district share of the funds will be used to support mandated educational services and/or promising practices in the area of special education.

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RESOLUTION 5020S

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DISTRICT CLUBS,
PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PTA'S

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorize the following Clubs, Parent Organizations and PTAs be covered as additionally insured under the District's NJSIG policy for the 2026-2027 school year.

CHS Clubs

Architecture and Building Club

Comfort Project 360

Community Service Club

Chinese Language Culture Club

Junior Twig

Paws for a Cause

This list must be approved annually and may be amended throughout the school year.